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Lisbon, April 5. N. S.

ON the 13th past Vice-Admiral Lake arrived in this River with the Men of War and Transport Ships under his Command, having on board the remainder of the English and Dutch Auxiliary Forces; 4 or 5 days were spent in landing the Forces, and providing them with Necessaries, and on the 25th they began to march towards the Frontier. The King of Spain with his Renue is entertained here by the King of Portugal with great Magnificence. The day of their Majesties Departure for the Frontier is not yet fixed, but it is believed they will be going in a fortnight. The Duke of Anjou having left Madrid on the 4th Instant, attended by the Officers of his Household, (for none of the Grandees were willing to accompany him except the Conde de Ognate) came to Casa-Tejeda, near Almaras, which is about half way between Madrid and Badajoz, and still continued there when our last Letters came away. There is yet no certain Account of the Arrival of any Foreign Forces in Spain, only a French and an Irish Regiment which are come to Ciudad-Rodrigo; 13 Soldiers belonging to the latter have deserted, one of whom came hither this day, who reports, That that Regiment consists chiefly of English and Scotch, who were taken Prisoners by the French in Flanders, and have been forced into that Service; so that it is probable many more of them will come over to us whenever they meet with a favourable Opportunity. The Spaniards have not yet begun any Acts of Hostility against this Kingdom. On the 20th Instant Sir George Rooke sailed hence to the Southward with the best part of the Fleet under his Command. The next day a Dutch Privateer came up with him from the Southward, who gave an Account, That he had seen 3 Spanish Ships from 30 to 60 Guns, with a small Dogger; whereupon the Admiral made all the Sail he could in order to meet with them, and detached Rear-Admiral Dilks with several Men of War to go out in quest of them, who came up with them the 23d, and took them, after some Resistance. They proved to be two Galeon Men of War of 60 Guns each, one called the *Porta Coeli*, the other the *Santa Theresa*, and a Merchant Ship of 24 Guns named the *St. Nicholas*, and were bound from St. Sebastian's, being laden with Guns, Bombs, Iron Bars, &c. for Cadiz, where they were to be fitted out for the West-Indies, and Don Diego Bicuna, their Commadore, had a Commission to command the Flota designed thither. There were 700 Men taken Prisoners on board these three Prizes. This day Rear-Admiral Dilks returned hither with his Squadron, and one of his Prizes; but the *Santa Theresa* was cast away in the night upon the North Catchup, as she was coming in, and 150 of the Men on board her were drowned, most of them Spanish Prisoners; the *St. Nicholas* is not yet come in, the Wind being at West, so that she could not weather the Rock. Two English Men of War, which were out a cruising, have forced a French Ship of 30 Guns ashore on a Sand Bank near Aymonte; the Wind blowing very fresh out of the Sea, they were forced to stand off, and could not see what became of her, but they suppose she was soon bulged. Another English Man of War has taken a small Spanish Ship near Cape Spartell, laden with Horse-shoes, Nails and Rolin. Sir George Rooke with his Squadron continues still out at Sea. The Exeter Man of War, with the Tartar, and a Merchant Ship called the *Delavall*, &c. came in here the 19th past from Smirna, whence they sailed about 9 weeks before, with them came also the Severn Galley from Leghorn. We have had very tempestuous Weather for several Days.

The Queen Dowager of England has been indisposed, but is at present much better.

Leghorn, March 13. The *Samuel* Galley, an English Privateer, Captain Thomas Lisle Commander, has brought in here two Prizes, one a French Vessel laden with Corn, the other laden with Soap. Another English Ship, called the *Levant* Galley, has brought in here as Prize a French Tartane, which was bound from Genoa to Sardinia.

Venice, March 28. The Grand Prior having been disappointed in his Design upon *Mirandola*, for which he had made great Preparations, marched the 15th Instant to attack Concordia, where was a Garrison of 300 Imperialists, who upon the Approach of his Army quitted that Place, and retired towards *Mirandola*: Since which nothing of Moment has happened on that side. The young Prince of *Vaudemont* is come to *Ostiglia*, to take upon him the Command of the Imperial Forces: General *Trautmansdorf*, who commanded there in Chief before his Arrival, is lately dead. Two French Frigats are cruising in this Gulph between Cape Mahapan and Corio.

Turin, April 1. On the 27th of the last Month our Duke sent out a Detachment under the Command of Colonel *Blagnac*, consisting of 100 Imperial Granadiers, commanded by Major *Thoun*, and 500 of his own Forces: This Detachment marched all night directly to *Chamont*, a little Town in Dauphine between *Fenestre* and *Suze*, where a Battalion of the Enemy lay intrenched. Our Men hoped to have surprised them, but were discovered by an advanced Guard, who gave the Alarm to the Garrison. This did not hinder them from marching on to the Town, without firing one shot till they were so near that the Imperial Granadiers could put the

climbed over the Walls by the help of some Rope-ladders they had brought with them. They soon made themselves Masters of the Place, with the Loss only of 8 or 10 Men, among whom are a Captain of our Granadiers, and a Lieutenant of the Imperialists, and 56 wounded. About 150 of the Enemy were killed, and 80 taken Prisoners, in which Number are reckoned two Captains and three Lieutenants; the rest made their Escape out of a Sally-Port. The Place was plundered, and the Booty was considerable. As soon as our Men had refreshed themselves, and the Plunder was sent safe to *Suze*, they marched over Mount *Genis*, in order to surprise two Troops of French Dragoons, who, as they were told, lay at *Lanebourg*, at the foot of that Mountain: They found there 3 Troops of Dragoons, and 30 Foot Soldiers, whom they attacked, and killed several of them, and took two Lieutenants, two Cornets, two Quarter-Masters, two Brigadiers, 92 Dragoons, and 4 Servants, Prisoners, with 60 Horses. Major *Thoun* was wounded in this Action, wherein he distinguished himself very much, as he had done before at *Chamont*. From *Lanebourg* Colonel *Blagnac* marched towards *Tromignone*, to surprise some French Dragoons which were posted there; but they having notice of his March by a Deserter, made their Escape towards *Bramant*: However he took two of their Standards, and all their Bagage, and 9 of their Men, with their Horses. About the same time 100 Hussars and 30 Troopers were ordered by General *Staremberg* to make an Excursion quite cross the *Montferrate* behind the French Quarters, and to set fire to *Tongen*, a great Village in the middle of the Country, to oblige the Inhabitants to come in and settle the Payment of their Contributions. This Party executed their Orders with all the Conduct and Success imaginable: They crossed all the Country (tho' they found the Militia in Arms) with the Loss only of 4 Horses, and brought in several Hostages. The French Troops which were in *Dauphine* and *Savoy*, whom we thought to be marched for Spain, are now assembled in *Provence*, to the number of 15 or 16000 Men, and they are making Preparations to besiege some Place both by Sea and Land, and are laying a Bridge over the *Rivier*, which is to be ready the 2d Instant; upon Notice whereof the Garrison of *Nice* has been reinforced by the Regiment of *Montferrate* and an Imperial Regiment that were at *Coni*, and is now about 3000 strong, and well provided with all Necessaries for its Defence. They write from *Nismes* of the 16th past, That some of the ancient Roman Catholics, who call themselves the *Knights of the Cross*, and have taken up Arms against the *Camisars*, having Intelligence, that a small Body of them was in a Village called *Garrigues*, marched thither to attack them. The *Camisars* came out and defended themselves very bravely for some time, but being overpowered, were forced to retire into the Village, which was set on Fire; yet they made their Escape, though with the Loss of 50 of their Men. These *Knights* destroyed every thing they found in the Village, and have also used another Village called *Dions* after the same manner, putting all the new Converts there to the Sword. The *Camisars* have in another Engagement fully revenged themselves upon the French King's Forces: The *Marshall de Montrevel* having sent out two Battalions of Marines, and some other Troops, they met near the River Gardon with a Body of the Malecontents, who fell upon them with such Fury, that they killed between 20 and 25 Officers, and 5 or 600 Soldiers; besides which 500 Soldiers threw down their Arms, which became a Booty to the *Camisars* This last Body of *Camisars* was 2000 strong, and had been joined by several Peasants, armed with Pitchforks and such like Weapons: The few French Soldiers that escaped retired to *Uzez*. The *Camisars* increase daily in Number, and are Masters of the open Country. The *Marquis de Prie* went from hence the 28th past on his Embassy to *Vienno*. The Count de *Briancon* is on his Departure for England, being to relieve the Count de *Maffei*, his Royal Highness's Envoy Extraordinary at that Court. Prince *Charles of Vaudemont* went lately from hence with General *Visconti* for *Genova*, in order to repair to the Imperial Army near the *Secchia*. He intended to have proceeded from *Genova* to *Revere* by Land; but being informed, that the French Resident had hired 50 Banditti to assassinate him on the Road, he borrowed a Galley of that Republick, and is gone by Sea for Leghorn. We hear that 3000 French Recruits were landed lately at *San Pietro d'Arena*, near *Genova*, whence they are to march to the *Milaneze*, but they appear to be such sorry Wretches, that the Enemy, in all probability, can receive no great Service from them. The Duke of *Vendosme* has desired 15000 Men in all to recruit by his Army and that commanded by his Brother the Grand Prior, which stand in great need of a such a Supply, there being some Battalions that have not above 150 Men left; and we hear the French King intends to send him some entire Battalions to make up that Number, the several Towns and Villages in his Dominions not having been able to furnish the Number of Recruits they were required by the French King's late Edicts for that purpose. The Grand Prior having formed a Party in *Mirandola*, had got together a Body of Forces in the Duchy of *Mantua*, in order to have surprised that Place, and the Duke of *Vendosme* had sent him a Reinforcement of 20 Companies of Granadiers; but the Conspiracy at